

ROANOKE THE MAGIC CITY.

The Story of Its Growth Boiled Down.

What Roanoke Has Done and What She is Still Doing—Notwithstanding the Close Money Market \$10,000,000 in Improvements Already in Sight—The Population, Industries and Advantages of the Wonder of the Valley.

Roanoke has a population of over 22,000. Its citizens are from nearly every State in the Union. Eight years ago it had 600 people. Its growth at present is on a more solid basis and more rapid than ever before in its history.

Roanoke is located at the junction of the Shenandoah and Roanoke valleys. Its altitude is 907 feet and it is surrounded by a rich agricultural and mineral country.

Roanoke is distant just eight hours' ride from Washington and Norfolk, nine from Baltimore, twelve from Philadelphia, and fourteen from New York. It is situated at the junction of the Shenandoah Valley and Norfolk and Western railroads, both trunk lines, and is easily reached from any section of the country.

The Roanoke and Southern railroad is now being built to this place from Winston, N. C., and will open up the trade of the Carolinas to this section next fall. The Valley branch of the Baltimore and Ohio runs to Lexington, forty miles distant, and a road filling the connecting link will be constructed to Roanoke in a short time.

The growth of the city dates from 1882, when the headquarters of the Norfolk and Western were removed here from Lynchburg, the Shenandoah Valley road was completed, and the Roanoke Machine Works, employing at present 1,700 hands, was established. Since then millions of dollars have flowed into the city in the establishment of manufactures and other business enterprises.

Coal and iron and the rich agricultural lands of the section have contributed to the growth.

Roanoke has sixty-five miles of streets and eight miles of street railway inside the corporate limits. A dummy line extends to Vinton, a distance of two miles east, and to Salem, six miles west. Throughout the city electricity, in a short time, will take the place of horses as motive power.

The water works are sufficient to furnish a city of 50,000 inhabitants. The supply comes from a pure, cold spring that gushes from the side of Mill Mountain, and is without equal in any city in the country. It is undoubtedly a specific for many forms of kidney disease.

Light is furnished by the Gas Company and the Electric Light and Motor Power Company.

The property valuation, according to the assessment of this year, is nearly \$9,000,000, besides the railroad property and the Roanoke Machine Works. The increase in the value of realty was about \$5,000,000 over the previous assessment of four years ago; but present values are many millions in excess of those given.

There are four fine hotels—Hotel Roanoke, the Ponce de Leon, the Continental, and Hotel Felix—besides a number of smaller ones. All of them are crowded and constantly turning away guests.

Roanoke is well supplied with BANKING FACILITIES.

The First National Bank has a capital of \$100,000, with a surplus of \$100,000; the National Exchange Bank a capital of \$100,000; the Citizens' National Bank a capital of \$100,000; the Commercial National Bank a capital of \$100,000; the Roanoke Trust, Loan and Safe Deposit Company a capital of \$250,000; the Traders' Loan, Trust and Deposit Company a capital of \$100,000; the Fidelity Loan and Trust Company a capital of \$200,000; and several private banking concerns transact a large financial business.

The Roanoke Machine Works, with a capital of \$5,000,000, pays out \$65,000 per month in wages to employees. About \$5,000,000 a year is paid in the city for wages.

Some of the important MANUFACTURING PLANTS are as follows:

Roanoke Machine Works.....	\$5,000,000
West End Iron Co.....	500,000
Crozer Steel and Iron Co.....	500,000
American Bridge Works.....	200,000
Riffe's Hydraulic Engine Works.....	50,000
Roanoke Canning Factory.....	50,000
Roanoke Rolling Mills.....	200,000
Roanoke Spike Factory.....	50,000
Roanoke Iron Co., (consisting of a 200-ton Furnace, Muck Bar Mill and Plate Mill.....)	500,000
Roanoke Brewery.....	75,000
Bridgewater Carriage Company, of Roanoke.....	75,000
Gambill Flouring Mill Co.....	50,000
Roanoke Milling Company.....	25,000
Roanoke Gas and Water Co.....	250,000
Roanoke Electric Light Co.....	50,000
P. L. Terry Milling Co.....	25,000
Diamond Ice Co.....	55,000
Roanoke Ice Co.....	35,000
West End Brick and Tile Works.....	20,000
Adams Bros. & Payne Brick Co.....	25,000
Five planing mills.....	100,000
Two tobacco factories.....	50,000
Two cigar factories.....	5,000
One mattress factory.....	25,000
Cold storage company.....	50,000
Norwich Lock Manufacturing Co.....	350,000
Duval Engine Works.....	60,000
Virginia Blanket Mills Co.....	50,000
Roanoke Glass Factory.....	40,000

Some of the most important companies organized for the development of Roanoke and this section are:

Roanoke Development Co.....	\$1,100,000
Virginia Development Co.....	5,000,000
Buena Vista Land Co.....	300,000
112 Land Companies.....	7,000,000

This list is in no sense a complete one. It is given to show the diversity of industries in Roanoke. Scores of enterprises, employing capital of from \$5,000 to \$25,000, are omitted for lack of space. Numerous enterprises, with hundreds of employees and capital reckoned by the hundred thousand, are negotiating for a foothold in this South-

western Golconda, and are coming monthly, weekly, almost daily.

COMPANIES ORGANIZED IN 1890. During 1890 132 companies were organized in Roanoke, with an aggregate minimum capital of \$10,246,300. These companies are briefly summarized below:

Seventy-five land and real estate investment companies, with an aggregate capital of \$5,804,300.
Two cigarette machine companies, aggregate capital of \$400,000.
One grocery and milling company, capital \$75,000.
One coupling company, capital \$100,000.
One slicer manufacturing company, \$30,000.
One paper bag manufacturing company, \$100,000.
Five marble companies with an aggregate capital of \$220,000.
One bridge and iron company, authorized capital, \$500,000.
Two power companies, aggregate capital, \$25,000.
Two paying companies, \$20,000.
One street railway company, \$15,000.
One engine company, \$150,000.
One cold storage company, \$50,000.
Two banking companies, \$150,000.
Four loan, trust and finance companies, \$200,000.
Academy of Music Company, \$150,000.
One steam generator company, \$250,000.
One drug company, \$4,500.
Three oil companies, \$92,000.
One brewing company, \$75,000.
Five coal, coke and iron companies, \$740,000.
Ten building companies, with capital aggregating \$1,330,000.

For the year 1890 the charter books show that forty-nine charters were granted, with an aggregate minimum capital of \$1,721,250.

The increase in the number of charters in 1890 over 1889 will be seen to be eighty-three, and the increase in the minimum capital \$88,525,050.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS. The real estate transactions last year amounted to \$17,067,960 from 5,103 transfers.

For 1889 the real estate transactions amounted to about \$7,000,000 from about 3,000 real estate transfers, so that the increase in Roanoke's real estate transfers during 1890 over 1889 was approximately \$10,000,000, and the increase in the number of deeds, 2,000. The building operations in Roanoke in 1890 amounted to over \$2,000,000. The progress of Roanoke in 1890 may be summarized as follows:

In buildings.....\$ 2,000,000
Real estate transactions.....17,000,000
Companies organized.....11,000,000
Increase in realty values according to assessment on taxation.....5,000,000

Total.....\$35,000,000
The population increased 6,000.

The improvements in sight for 1891 are summarized as follows:

New buildings.....\$ 3,000,000
New industries secured.....1,000,000
Improvement of industries established and construction of industries formerly secured.....300,000
City improvements.....500,000
Railroad improvements.....3,000,000
Land companies organized.....2,200,000

Total.....\$10,000,000

There are four public schools in the city—three for whites, with eighteen teachers, and one colored school, with five teachers.

Public school buildings to cost \$75,000 will be erected this year. Congress has appropriated \$75,000 for the erection of a public postoffice building.

Roanoke will soon be a city of churches. The Southern Methodists, Presbyterians and Catholics all have handsome brick houses of worship. The Methodist Episcopal and Christians have neat churches.

The Baptists are erecting two fine brick churches, one to cost \$18,000 and the other \$25,000. The Lutherans are erecting a magnificent stone church to cost not less than \$50,000. The Episcopalians are erecting a \$40,000 stone church and rectory. The Southern Methodists will erect this year a \$60,000 church, one to cost \$10,000, and one neat frame structure. The German Reformed Church will erect a house of worship, and the Presbyterians will erect a \$10,000 church.

Roanoke has a well organized fire department of 150 members. The city has recently awarded the contract for the Gamewell fire alarm telegraph. The department now has one fine building and another is soon to be erected. All of the three companies are supplied with modern equipments.

Employees for the Hardware Plant.

The Shelf Hardware Company is actively pushing toward an early erection of its plant in Roanoke. As an earnest of this The Times is authorized to receive applications for employment from brass molders, bench molders, polishers, buffers, machinists and lock fitters. These applications should give references and state previous experience. In some branches of the industry raw employees may become experts in a few weeks or months, and earn large wages as piece workmen. Address all applications to "Hardware," care The ROANOKE TIMES.

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THE FINEST OF ALL.

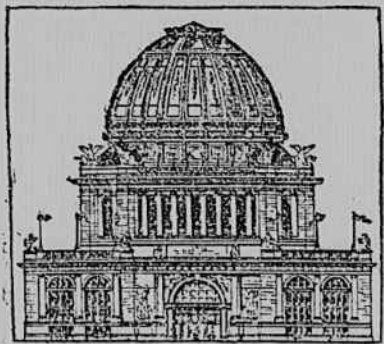
Plan of the Administration Building for the Chicago World's Fair.

Richard M. Hunt has completed his design for the world's fair administration building. It is generally conceded that this structure will be the finest in Jackson park. Mr. Hunt, the designer, is president of the commission of architects, by which all the main buildings have been designed, and he is also president of the American institute of architects.

In deference to Mr. Hunt's standing in his profession he was asked to sketch the administration building, which is to be the central distinguishing structure of the exposition. It has the most commanding location in the center of the great plaza, about which the remaining buildings are grouped in the southern portion of Jackson park. It will be surrounded by broad, green sward, beds of flowers, statuary and grand old trees.

The view from the building will be exceptionally beautiful. Looking toward the east will be an unobstructed view toward the lake over the basin 300 feet wide. On the north will stand the mines and mining building and electricity building but between them will be a broad court, through which a view may be had of the wooded islands and lagoons on the north. To the west will be the circular machinery annex building and the terminal railway loop. To the south will be machinery hall, 350 feet long.

In this choice location will rise the grand gilded dome of the administration building, 250 feet high. It will be



THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING—EAST ELEVATION.

visible from every building and every point of view.

The description of this building, prepared by the architectural department, says it covers a space 250 feet square and consists of four pavilions eighty-four feet square, one at each of the four angles of the square of the plan and connected by a central dome 120 feet in diameter and 250 feet in height, leaving in the center of each facade a recess eighty-two feet wide, within which is a grand entrance to the building. The general design is in the style of the French renaissance, carried out in the academic manner of the Ecole des Beaux Arts.

Each of the corner pavilions, which are four stories in height, will be divided into large and small offices for the various departments of the administration and lobbies and toilet-rooms. The ground floor will contain, in one pavilion, the fire and police departments with cells for the detention of prisoners; in a second pavilion the offices of ambulance service, the physicians and pharmacy, the foreign department, and the information bureau; in the third pavilion the post office and a bank; and in the fourth the offices of public comfort and a restaurant. The second, third and fourth stories will contain the board-rooms, the committee-rooms, the rooms of the director-general, of the department of publicity and promotion, and of the United States Columbian commission.

The cost of the building is estimated at \$900,000. The frame work, barring the dome trusses, will be of wood. The exterior will be decorated with staff.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

It is well-known that vegetable and animal oils are unsuitable for cylinder lubrication, and recently in France where celz oil was used it was found necessary to burn out the deposits in the ports of the locomotive cylinders.

The former idea that a connection exists between an earthquake shock and the height of the barometer has been proved by Prof. Miene to be incorrect. He bases his statement on the observation of 631 earthquakes recorded in Japan.

In Prussia it has been recommended to abolish the use of gunpowder and other slow explosives in fiery mines, but that dynamite should be used, provided the proportion of firedamp present does not surpass the safety limit, as shown by the safety lamp.

A new system of house wiring for electric lighting consists of fitting the building with continuous tubes of insulating material, through which the wires are drawn. The tubes are made of paper soaked in a hot bath of bituminous material, and are said to be hard, strong and tough.

In France a new "magic mirror" has lately been introduced. It consists essentially of a glass plate coated with a film of platinum so thin as to be transparent to light coming through from behind, while being a true mirror or reflector to light impinging on it from the front.

An apparatus called a lactorite has recently been used by French chemists to separate greasy matter from milk. It consists of a steel barrel rapidly revolved, and if a certain temperature is necessary for the reaction, the barrel is placed in hot water until the required degree of heat is attained.

The Adaptable Hairpin.

The Electrical Review relates that on an electric car in Augusta, Ga., some time ago, a pin was lost from the trolley, and the car stopped. A hairpin furnished by a lady passenger enabled one of the cars to continue its trip, and next morning the hairpin was removed and replaced by a pin made for the purpose. The versatile capability of this indispensable item of the feminine outfit has seldom received a more striking illustration.

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RESOURCES.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and discounts.....\$ 337,642.93	Capital.....\$ 250,000.00
Stocks.....226,155.00	Surplus.....126,191.88
Real estate.....52,699.00	Undivided profits.....30,251.75
Furniture.....670.00	Deposits on certificate.....163,145.15
Cash on hand.....13,304.74	Check deposits.....114,305.90
Due from banks.....62,312.16	Bills payable.....2,508.33
Expenses and taxes.....4,482.51	Bills rediscounted.....5,833.33
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